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PETER PARKER THE SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN

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THE MASKED MARAUDER,
THE TERRIBLE TRI-MAN!
AND **A VAULT
FULL OF FEAR!**



**MARVEL'S TV
SENSATION!**

While attending a demonstration in radiology, student PETER PARKER was bitten by a spider which had accidentally been exposed to RADIOACTIVE RAYS. Through a miracle of science, Peter soon found that he had GAINED the arachnid's powers...and had, in effect, become a human spider...

Stan Lee
PRESENTS:

THE SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN!

HEAR YE! IN SECRET SESSION
IS THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF
THE MAGGIA MET!

I AM BIG M,
CURRENT LEADER OF
THE MAGGIA! WE
HAVE READ YOUR
PROPOSAL--

--YET WE STILL
DO NOT SEE HOW YOU
PLAN TO SUCCEED
IN ELIMINATING
SPIDER-MAN--



--WHERE THE
RESOURCES OF THE
MAGGIA HAVE THIS
FAR FAILED!

SIMPLY PUT,
I KNOW MORE ABOUT
THE WALL-CRAWLER
THAN HE KNOWS
ABOUT HIMSELF!

AND, WHILE YOU
WISH HIM REMOVED
BECAUSE HE HAS
INTERFERED IN
MAGGIA
OPERATIONS--

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The Devastator scan



--I WISH HIM
DESTROYED--CRUSHED
LIKE THE LOATHSOME,
MURDEROUS INSECT
HE IS! ALL I ASK IS
THAT THE MAGGIA LEAVE
SPIDER-MAN TO ME...

...AND I WILL
BRING YOU HIS
HEAD TO HANG
ALONGSIDE
THIS EMPTY
MASK!

REBINNING...A SPIDEY CLASSIC
LIKE YOU'VE NEVER SEEN!

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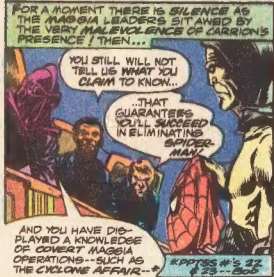
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IN-
CHIEF

CARRION, MY WAYWARD SON!

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LETTERS
& GOLDEN
COLORS



FOR A MOMENT THERE IS SILENCE AS
THE MAGGIA LEADERS SITTING BY
THE VERY MALEVOLENCE OF CARRION'S
PRESENCE! THEN...

YOU STILL WILL NOT
TELL US WHAT YOU
CLAIM TO KNOW...

...THAT
GUARANTEES
YOU'LL SUCCEED
IN ELIMINATING
SPIDEY
MAN...

AND YOU HAVE DIS-
PLAYED A KNOWLEDGE
OF COVERT MAGGIA
OPERATIONS--SUCH AS
THE CYCLONE AFFAIR--

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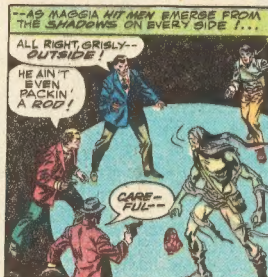
--THAT MAKES YOU
A VERY REAL
DANGER TO US!

WE OBJECT
YOUR PROPOSAL!
PLEASE, ACCEPT
MY SINCEREST
APOLOGUES!



--BUT YOU
CANNOT BE
ALLOWED
TO LEAVE
HERE...
ALIVE

FOOLS...
...CARRION
HISSES--



--AS MAGGIA HIT MEN EMERGE FROM
THE SHADOWS ON EVERY SIDE I...

ALL RIGHT, GRISLY--
OUTSIDE!

HE AIN'T
EVEN
PACKIN'
A ROD!

CARE-
FUL--



--HE'S
REACHIN'
FOR THAT
ROUCH AT
HIS MIP!

ALL NEW

ALL NEW



EPIC TO THE
**1979 HULK
CALENDAR,**
YOU'RE IN FOR THE MOST
MARVEL-OUS
TIME OF YOUR LIFE!

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AND JUST BECAUSE WE LOVE YA-
WE'LL PAY THE POSTAGE

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____
STATE _____ ZIP _____

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AND JUST BECAUSE WE LOVE YA
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AND THE HAND--
THEY SAY-- IS
QUICKER THAN
THE EYE!

DUST?!
HE'S THROWIN'
DUST AT
US--?

ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE YOU TO ONE OF THE MOST-
TRAVELLED OF MANKIND'S ENEMIES! IT HAS BEEN
CALLED BY MANY NAMES--THE FOX... PLAGUE...
PESTILENCE--



--BUT I PREFER
THE RED DEATH!

C-CAN'T...
BREATHE--
CHOKING!!



AND... I-I DON'T KNOW HOW
YA DID THAT, CREEP--BUT
ONE MORE STEP AN'
YOU'RE A DEAD
MAN!

HOW PERCEPTIVE
OF YOU, MY
FRIEND!

KPOW!

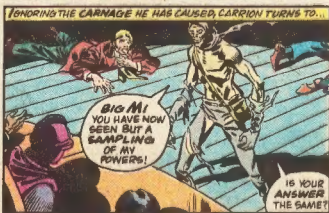
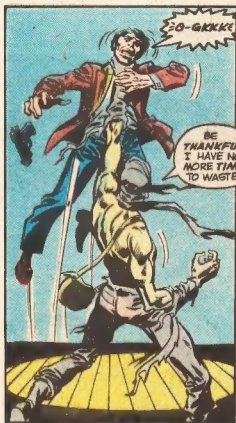
I--I
WARNED
YA!




OH, MY GOD! THE--
THE BULLET IT--



--IT WENT RIGHT
THROUGH YA... AN'
YOU'RE STILL
COMING!





THE BICENTENNIAL LIGHTS SPARKLE AND DANCE AGAINST A PANORAMA OF DARKNESS.

IT SEEMS ALMOST SACRILEGIOUS TO AFFIX A THIN STRAND OF WEBBING TO THE MAJESTIC TOWER OF NEW YORK CITY'S "CATHEDRAL OF THE SKIES" --

-- BUT THE EMPIRE STATE BUILDING HAS SURVIVED OTHER INDIGNITIES IN ITS 47-YEAR HISTORY! SURELY IT WILL NOT BEGRUDGE MOMENTARY SUPPORT--

--TO A COSTUMED YOUTH SORELY TROUBLED IN HIS SOUL!

DESPITE NOT GRADUATING WITH THE REST OF MY CLASS--

--AND AUNT MAY'S STILL BEING IN THE HOSPITAL--*

*CURRENTLY RECOUNTED IN AMAZING SPIDER-MAN -- BOB

DENHAM, LOOK!

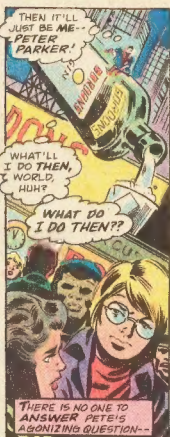
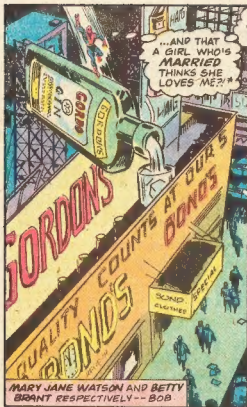
HOLY SMOKE, JACK! IT'S SPIDER-MAN!

--THINGS HAVE BEEN GOING PRETTY WELL LATELY... TOO WELL!

SOMETHING MUST BE WRONG!

RATS! IF I WASN'T SO AFRAID OF WHAT HE'D HAVE TO SAY, I'D CHECK IN TO SEE A SHRINK!

BUT WHAT DO I TELL HIM MY PROBLEM IS? THAT EVEN WHEN I'M HAPPY, I'M UNHAPPY? THAT I BLEW A MARRIAGE PROPOSAL TO THE GAL I THOUGHT I LOVED...



--AND LIFE IN THE BIG CITY GOES ON!



I-I KNOW I PROMISED
AWILDA, MY SISTER, THAT
I WOULD NOT BECOME THE
WHITE TIGER AGAIN!

BUT IT WAS TOO
HOT TO PRETEND TO
BE STUDYING--

--AND BOOKE JUST AREN'T
REALITY IN THE SOUTH BRONX
ANYWAY...NOT FOR HECTOR AYALA--

--AND NOT WHEN
THE SOUNDS OF A CAR
THEFT CALL OUT TO
ME TO BECOME...

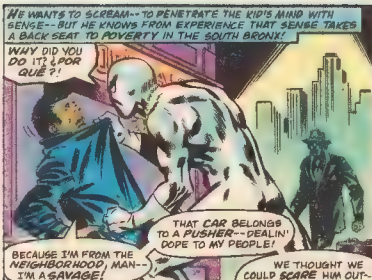
¡OYE,
COMPAÑEROS!
¡MIRA!
EL ES--



--THE
**WHITE
TIGER!**

PALE WHITE AGAINST A PALE MOON, THE LITHE FIGURE LEAPS FROM OUT OF THE NIGHT!
HE IS SILENT-- SPECTRAL-- LIKE A HOARY GHOST OUT TO WREAK VENGEANCE ON THE LIVING!





HE WANTS TO SCREAM--TO PENETRATE THE KID'S MIND WITH SENSE-- BUT HE KNOWS FROM EXPERIENCE THAT SENSE TAKES A BACK SEAT TO POVERTY IN THE SOUTH BRONX!

WHY DID YOU DO IT? ¿POR QUÉ?!

THAT CAR BELONGS TO A PUSHER--DEALIN' DOPE TO MY PEOPLE!

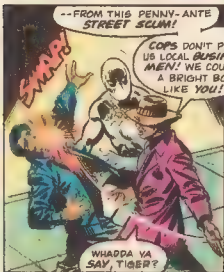
BECAUSE I'M FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD, MAN-- I'M A SAVAGE!

WE THOUGHT WE COULD SCARE HIM OUT--



-- WHEN YOU STOPPED US! WHERE YOU AT, MAN? YOU A PUERTO RICAN WHO CARES FOR LA RAZA... OR YOU USIN' YOUR POWERS TO DUMP ON THE PEOPLE?

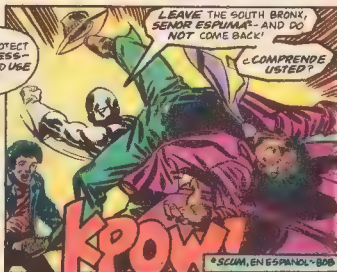
HEY, BROTHER! THANKS FOR PROTECTIN' MY WHEELS!



--FROM THIS PENNY-ANTE STREET SCUM!

COPS DON'T PROTECT US LOCAL BUSINESSMEN! WE COULD USE A BRIGHT BOY LIKE YOU!

WHADDA YA SAY, TIGER?

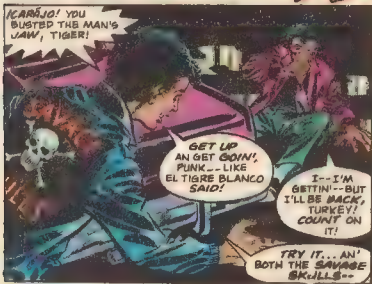


LEAVE THE SOUTH BRONX, SENOR ESPUMA-- AND DO NOT COME BACK!

¿COMPRENDE USTED?

KPOW!

SCUM, EN ESPAÑOL BOB



KARAJÓ! YOU BUSTED THE MAN'S JAW, TIGER!

GET UP AN GET GOIN', PUNK-- LIKE EL TIGRE BLANCO SAID!

I-- I'M GETTIN'-- BUT I'LL BE BACK, TURKEY! COUNT ON IT!

TRY IT... AN' BOTH THE SAVAGE SKULLS--



--AN' THE WHITE TIGER'LL BE WAITIN' FOR YOU!

WON'T WE, AMIGO? HEY--

--HE'IS... GONE!

SATURDAY MORNING FEVER

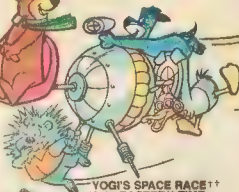
IT'S ON THE RISE ON NBC!



THE FANTASTIC FOUR†
*10:30 EASTERN TIME



JANA OF THE JUNGLE
IN THE GODZILLA POWER HOUR††
*9:30 EASTERN TIME



YOGI'S SPACE RACE††
*8:00 EASTERN TIME



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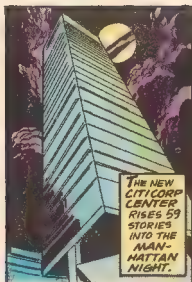
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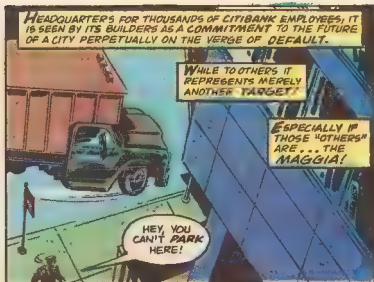
COSMIC ADVENTURE EPIC!



JIM SHOOTER, DAVID WENZEL AND PABLO MARCOS
CONTINUE TO LEAVE A SENSES-STUNNING SAGA THAT DEFIES DESCRIPTION!
FEATURING ALMOST EVERY CHARACTER IN THE MARVEL UNIVERSE! IT'S
MARVEL AT ITS BEST! ON SALE NOW!



THE NEW
CITYCORP
CENTER
RISES 59
STORIES
INTO THE
MAN-
HATTAN
NIGHT.



HEADQUARTER'S FOR THOUSANDS OF CITIBANK EMPLOYEES; IT IS SEEN BY ITS BUILDERS AS A COMMITMENT TO THE FUTURE OF A CITY PERPETUALLY ON THE VERGE OF DEFAULT.

WHILE TO OTHERS IT REPRESENTS MERELY ANOTHER TARGET

ESPECIALLY IF THOSE "OTHERS" ARE... THE MAGGIA!

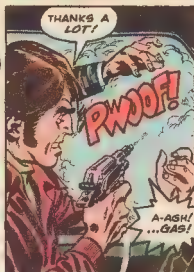
HEY, YOU CAN'T PARK HERE!



I'M HAVIN' TROUBLE WITH MY TRUCK, DOC. YOU KNOW OF A GARAGE AROUND HERE?

THERE'S ONE OPEN NEAR THE MIDTOWN TUNNEL!

THANKS, DOC!



THANKS A LOT!

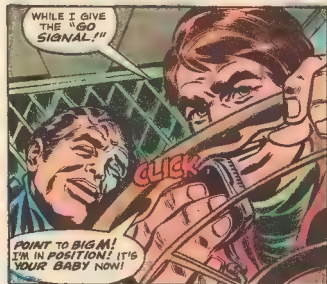
PWOOF!

A-ASH! ...GAS!



YEAH, DOC... GAS! YOU'LL BE OUT FOR ABOUT AN HOUR! PLENTY LONG FOR THE MAGGIA TO GET WHAT IT'S COME HERE FOR!

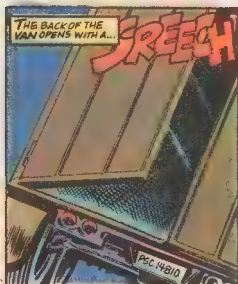
JOIN ME IN THE CAB, HUH DOC?



WHILE I GIVE THE "GO SIGNAL!"

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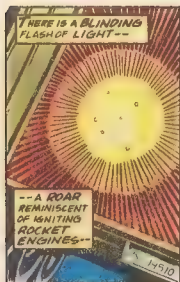
POINT TO BIG M! I'M IN POSITION! IT'S YOUR BABY NOW!



THE BACK OF THE VAN OPENS WITH A...

SREECH

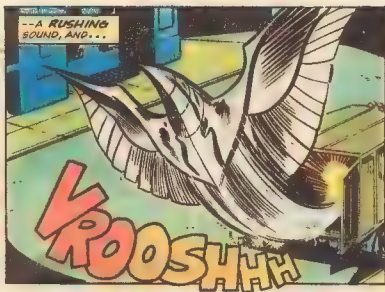
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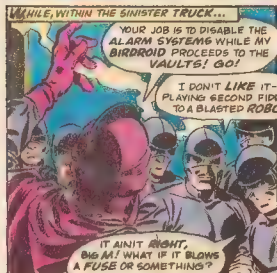
THERE IS A BLINDING
FLASH OF LIGHT--

--A ROAR
REMINISCENT
OF IGNITING
ROCKET
ENGINES--

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--A RUSHING
SOUND, AND...

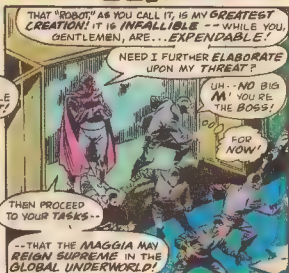


WHILE, WITHIN THE SINISTER TRUCK...

YOUR JOB IS TO DISABLE THE
ALARM SYSTEM WHILE MY
BIRDROID PROCEEDS TO THE
VAULTS! GO!

I DON'T LIKE IT--
PLAYING SECOND FIDDLE
TO A BLASTED ROBOT!

IT AIN'T RIGHT,
BIG M! WHAT IF IT BLOWS
A FUSE OR SOMETHING?



THAT "ROBOT" AS YOU CALL IT, IS MY GREATEST
CREATION! IT IS INFALLIBLE -- WHILE YOU,
GENTLEMEN, ARE...EXPENDABLE!

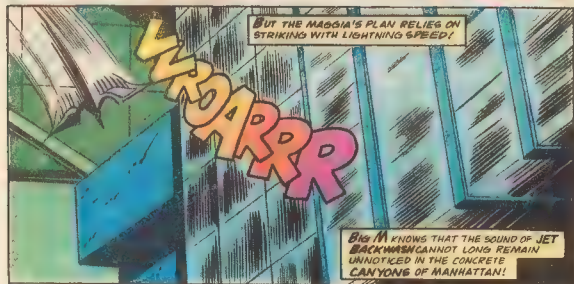
NEED I FURTHER ELABORATE
UPON MY THREAT?

UH--NO BIG
M! YOU'RE
THE BOSS!

FOR
NOW!

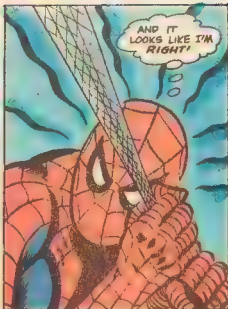
THEN PROCEED
TO YOUR TASKS--

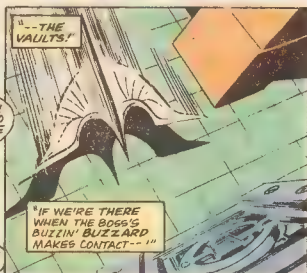
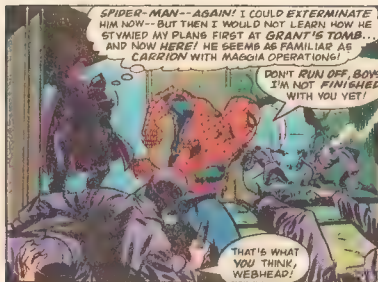
--THAT THE MAGGIA MAY
REIGN SUPREME IN THE
GLOBAL UNDERWORLD!

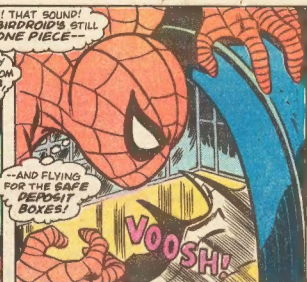


BUT THE MAGGIA'S PLAN RELIES ON
STRIKING WITH LIGHTNING SPEED!

BIG M KNOWS THAT THE SOUND OF JET
BACKWASH CANNOT LONG REMAIN
UNNOTICED IN THE CONCRETE
CANYONS OF MANHATTAN!







BULPEN BULLETINS

STAN'S SOAPBOX

Hey, remember me telling you I was going to Tokyo in May to help launch some new Marvel projects? Well, now that I'm back, I thought you'd like to know that all of Japan seems to be mad about Marvel! They're doing their own version of Spider-Man, live-action, as a weekly TV series; publishing more stories of our shy little superheroes than I could count; and I wish you could see all the clever toys and games they've based on our Marvel myths. One of these days we'll do an article showing some of our more picturesque Japanese items, as soon as we can figure out which mag to print it in.

Item! You'll soon be seeing a great new feature in the Sunday Comic pages of newspapers from coast to coast called "Marvelous Fun and Games" by Owen McCarron (the talented whiz who brought you the first Ben Simon & Schuster Marvel Fun Books.) The full-color feature presents your superhero favorites in a merry melange of puzzles and games. Who says we're not spreading culture all over the land?

And now, it's time to reply to the first of the many, many questions you've sent me in answer to an earlier Soapbox request. This query was one of the most frequently asked, so I'll tackle it first. "Will comicbooks get better and better, or will the field just stagnate with the same recycled ideas?" Naturally, I'm no more of a prophet than you, but here's the way I see it. We'll continue to use the same "recycled" ideas, if that's

what you mean by new adventures of our world-famous superheroes being published month after month, year after year. We'll keep producing them as long as you want them, and judging by the way you've been gobbling them up, your interest hasn't slackened. But, besides bringing our usual literary fare, we spend virtually all of our free time trying to dream up new characters, new formats, new concepts, to keep the world of comics vital and alive and ever-growing. Just look at some of our recent innovations: the Marvel line of rock star mags, such as KISS, the BEATLES, the upcoming SHAUN CASSIDY, SGT. PEPPER, ROLLING STONES, and other titles. The new Marvel super-specials, \$1.50 magazines with artwork in full-color on glossy paper, such as our CONAN SUPER SPECIAL, with many other titles to follow. Then too, there are the new Marvel movie and book adaptations, plus PIZZAZZ, the steadily growing CRAZY, and the countless new Marvel projects in the works from Simon & Schuster and Pocket Books. And, as soon as we can catch our breaths, we'll be coordinating our projects with our own magazines in a new different series of publications. 'Nuff said?

Next ish—the answer to another of our most oft-repeated questions: "Is loving Forbush a real person?" Till then, if you can bear the suspense, why not take a duck to lunch?

Excelsior!

Stan

ITEM! They came from the wooded glens of Connecticut, and from the exotic shores of New Jersey, from the far off glades of Penn's Woods and from nearby Midtown. From Flushing by the 7 train they travelled, and from Inwood by the A. One plucky lady, 'tis said, braved the awesome dangers of the dreaded LIRR to traverse the staggering distance from her home in the fabled City of Gardens to the Hallowed Halls of Marvel. One by one they came, until at last, to a man they stood united; and the gathered throng thus convened this year's second Mighty Marvel Writers Meeting. Editor-in-Chief JIM (Trouble) SHOOTER presided, Consulting Editor *Marvelous* MARY WOLFGAN generously gave of his valuable time to lend an assist, and the Editorial Staff took notes as discussion ranged from the Art of Storytelling to the Science of Balloon Placement. Long into the afternoon they spoke, and when at length they adjourned, if no Great Issues were resolved, it was clear that every single body in that room cares about his work, and cares deeply. It

seems to us that there's no ingredient more necessary to Quality than Caring — and we're pretty damn proud to be the kind of people and the kind of company that cares!

ITEM! Speaking of GODZILLA—just when we thought we'd seen it all, Devil-May-Care DOUG MOENCH and Happy HERB TRIMPE came through with a little idea that flipped our emboldened babushkas! It's incredible! It's unbelievable! It's a beautifully ironic twist of fate that is guaranteed to leave Marvel continuity buffs everywhere astonished and delighted! It's real—and it's happening in the pages of GODZILLA #17, on sale right now! So get our there, Lizard-philes, and nab your copy before it gets away. Be warned, however—there's a Godzills you've never seen before lurking inside!

ITEM! The shredding sound you hear, should you happen to be in the Apple near 575 Mad Avenue, is probably Marvel Editor Broadway BOB HALL feeding another page of the rulebook to the Armadillos. As if it weren't enough permitting, nay, wholeheartedly

approving the madness currently raging 'twixt the covers of GODZILLA, Bob has thrown caution, convention, and sanity to the winds with the Dynamic DEFENDERS as well. Once again, he has combined the not inconsiderable talents of DAVE (The Dude) KRAFT and Energetic ED HANNIGAN and more-or-less turned them loose on a three part mini-epic ranging from the pits of Earthly Urban Blight to (are you ready for this?) the gleaming spires of Eternal ASGARD! Dave and Bob have been closely coordinating with Consulting Editor and resident Mythology Expert, *Rascally* ROY THOMAS concerning the Defenders' doings in the Golden Realm, to make certain everything meshes perfectly with Roy's current storyline in the pages of THOR. As for what's actually going on, Dave, Ed, Bob and able Assistant Editor MARY JO DUFFY asked us not to say! We will tell ya however, they have spent quite a bit of time lately chortling over their plans, so you can be sure what's coming up, beginning in DEFENDERS #86, (on sale now) is not what you'd expect. Get your copy and let us know what you think—should we fire the lot of 'em—or give 'em a raise?

ITEM! And now for something completely different! You say your car won't start, your bowling average is down and your ring-around-the-collar is loud enough to wake the neighbors? Well, you lose. Sadly, we must admit that our new MIGHTY WORLD OF MARVEL PIN-UP BOOK will do absolutely nothing to right most of the cruel injustices of Fate. What it will do is dazzle you with its 21 huge 11"x15" full-color illustrations of Marvel's Magnificent Heroes and Heroines in action! It's all here—all the glory, grandeur, power, and drama that marks the Marvel Age of Comics, caught in the carefully created and skillfully selected poster shots that tell it best. The accompanying narrative will excite and enlighten you. No collector should be without his own copy. You'll see it at better book stores everywhere—if you look soon!

ITEM! For those of you who are independently wealthy, and, therefore, send your chauffeur down to the magazine store to pick up the latest batch of Marvel's monthly offerings, and then don't bother to count the change from the C-Note you gave him; we feel obligated to mention that Marvel Comics are still only 35¢ a throw. That, of course, is an academic point to the landed gentry, but to the rest of you—and us—it means a lot. We've been getting the message from your many cards and letters for unpeppened months back, that today's up-and-away prices are squeezing you hard—and you just don't have the bucks to pay 50¢ or a Dollar for Comics—even for comics as good as ours. Okay, guys, we're listenin'. We heard ya! And we're holding the line!

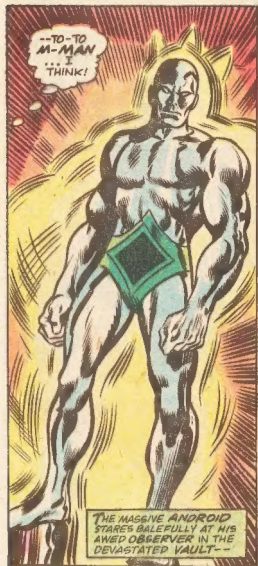
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IT'S THE MARVEL AGE
OF TV SENSATIONS!

DON'T MISS IT!

AND WAIT TILL YOU
MEET HERBIE!



HE-HE'S IGNORING ME--GOING FOR THE MONEY! BUT THERE'S NOTHING HE CAN SPEND IT ON-- EXCEPT MAYBE A LUBE JOB--

--SO HE'S GOTTA BE WORKING FOR SOMEONE ELSE!

AND THE MILLION DOLLAR QUESTION IS... WHO?!

SO HOW DO I FIND OUT? WELL--I COULD ALWAYS TRY THE DIRECT APPROACH... ASKING HIM!

HEY, BALDY-- GOT A MINUTE? MIND IF I ASK A PERSONAL QUESTION--LIKE WHO PULLS YOUR STRINGS?!

MY TRI-MAN CANNOT REPLY, SPIDER-MAN--BUT PERHAPS I CAN PROVIDE THE ANSWER YOU SEEK!

HOLY SMOKES! IT'S--!

THE MASKED MARAUDER,

YOU MISBEGOTTEN MISCREANT!

AND I NEED ONLY MY RECREATED TRI-MAN AND MY ALL-POWERFUL OPTI-BLASTS TO MAINTAIN MY POSITION AS SIGM, LEADER OF THE MAGGIA--

ZAT!

--AND TO SNUFF OUT, ONCE AND FOR ALL TIME, A SNIVELING NUISANCE SUCH AS YOU HAVE BECOME!

TH-THAT BLAST-- HITTING MY EYES! I-I CAN'T SEE! I'M BLIND!

NEXT

THE MASKED MARAUDER, TRI-MAN, CARRION, THE WHITE TIGER AND A HELPLESS SPIDEY!

MINE EYES HAVE SEEN THE GLORY!